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INTRODUCTION

This Performance Oriented Packaging (POP) test was performed to ascertain whether the shipping and storage container for the Six-Foot Flexible Linear Shaped Charge meets the Packing Group II requirements specified by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 CFR, Parts 107 through 178, dated 31 December 1991. The objectives were to evaluate the adequacy of the container in protecting the hazardous materials.

The container is a wood box with cavities cut into the bottom part to hold the charges. The open empty container is shown in Figure 1. Figure 2 shows the container closed and banded for shipment, as it was tested.

TESTS PERFORMED

1. Drop Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.603. One container was used for each drop orientation. The drop height was 1.2 meters and the drop sequence was as follows:

- a. Flat on Bottom
- b. Flat on Top
- c. Flat on Long Side
- d. Flat on Short Side
- e. One Corner

The test was performed at ambient temperature $(70^{\circ} + 20^{\circ} F)$. The contents of the container should be retained within its packaging and exhibit no damage liable to affect safety during transport.

2. Stacking Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.606. Three different containers were used, each with a stack weight of 3000 pounds. The test was performed for 24 hours. After the allowed time, the weight was removed and the container examined. Any leakage, deterioration, or distortion which could adversely affect transport or reduce its strength or cause instability in stacks of packages is cause for rejection.

3. Base Level Vibration Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.608. Three sample containers were loaded with steel rods to simulate the charges and closed as for shipment. Each container was placed on a vibrating platform that had a vertical double-amplitude (peak-to-peak displacement) of one inch. The packages were constrained horizontally to prevent them from falling off the platform, but were free to move





vertically, bounce and rotate. The test was performed for one hour at a frequency that caused each point of the container bottom to be raised from the platform 1.6 mm. A 1.6 mm thick metal strip was passed between the bottom of the container and the platform.

PASS/FAIL

1. Drop Test

The criteria for passing the drop test is outlined in Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.603(f): A package is considered to successfully pass the drop test if for each sample tested, no rupture occurs which would permit spillage of loose explosive substances or articles from the outer packaging.

2. Stacking Test

The criteria for passing the stacking test is outlined in Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.606: No test sample may show any deterioration which could adversely affect transportation safety or any distortion likely to reduce its strength, cause instability in stacks of packages, or cause damage to inner packagings likely to reduce safety in transportation.

3. Base Level Vibration Test

The criteria for passing the Base Level Vibration Test is outlined Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.608: Immediately following the period of vibration, each package must be removed from the platform, turned on its side and observed for any evidence of leakage. A packaging passes the vibration test if there is no rupture or leakage from any of the packages. No test sample should show any deterioration which could adversely affect transportation safety or any distortion liable to reduce packaging strength.

TEST RESULTS

1. Drop Test

Satisfactory.

2. Stacking Test

Satisfactory.

3. Base Level Vibration Test

Satisfactory.

DISCUSSION

1. Drop Test

After each drop the container was inspected for any damage which would be cause for rejection. Final inspection revealed some small cracks in the bottom parts of the containers at the ends, but the simulated charges were contained.

2. Stacking Test

Three containers were individually tested. Each container was visibly inspected after the 24-hour period was over. There was no leakage, distortion, or deterioration to the container as a result of this test.

3. Base Level Vibration Test

Immediately following the vibration test, each container was removed from the platform, turned on its side and observed for any evidence of leakage. All latches and bands remained fastened and there was no evidence of leakage of contents.

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CONTAINER: POP MARKING: Wood Container for the 4C1/Y14/S/** Flexible Linear Shaped Charge USA/DOD/NAD Type: 4C1 UN Code: 1.1D Specification Number: Material: None Natural Wood Capacity: Dimensions: 14 kg 1.85m L x .14m W x .05m H (30.8 pounds) (72.88" L x 5.50" W x 2.06" H) Closure (Method/type): Tare Weight: Latches (3 ea.) 6.04 kg 1/4" steel banding (4 ea.) (13.3 pounds) Additional Description: Box was constructed in accordance with Drawing 53711-6665109. Linear Flexible Shaped Charge, see Table I Proper Shipping Name: Charges, Shaped, Flexible, Linear United Nations Number: 0288 United Nations Packing Group: N/A Physical State: Solid Amount Per Container: See Table I Gross Weight: See Table I TEST PRODUCT: Name: Steel rods Physical State: Solid Size: 1.83m L x .01m Dia (72"L x .50"Dia) Quantity: 3

Dunnage: Foam polyethylene, PPP-C-1752

Gross Weight: 14 kg (30.8 lbs.)

TABLE I

DODIC OR NALC	NSN	ITEM (FLSC GR/FT)	PACKING DRAWING	#/CNTR	GROSS WT (KG)
MM41	1375-01-318-8571	30	6665108	6	7.41
MM42	1375-01-318-9821	40	6665108	6	7.66
MM43	1375-01-319-0940	60	6665108	6	8.06
MM44	1375-01-318-9822	75	6665108	6	8.71
MM45	1375-01-319-0941	125	6665108	6	9.06
MM46	1375-01-318-0754	225	6665108	3	9.93
MM47	1375-01-318-0753	400	6665108	3	10.46
MM48	1375-01-319-9184	600	6665108	3	11.78